not? If not, what steps are being taken by you to recover the loan amount. Thirdly, the Syndicate Bank and its connections with that Bank. I had raised this issue in this House earlier also that this Bank had worked in foreign countries to collect money on behalf of B.C.C.I. Will you return this money to the people and what steps have been taken by you to send this money to Syndicate Bank? What are you doing to solve the problems of Bank employees who are knocking the doors of the Minister and members of Parliament for their employment. American Senate and British house of Commons made an enquiry through their Parliamentary Committees. Have you conducted and enquiry to bring its misdeeds before the public.

SHRI DALBIR SINGH: I can claim that we have found nothing against the Indian branch of this Bank. An enquiry is being conducted by us and simultaneously a CBI enquiry is going on in this matter. The purchaser will be fully responsible for the money deposited in the Bank. Full attention will be paid on the Bank's interests and the matured policies. So far as the problems of employees are concerned, it is clear that the purchaser will have to seek Bombay High Court's permission.

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: I am not asking for the report of past eight years. I would like to know from the Government about the position of the assets and the liabilities of the Bank at the time of its closure.

[*English*]

Whether the assets exceed the liabilities payable on the date from which the operations have been closed.

[*Translation*]

SHRI DALBIR SINGH: I cannot say anything at present. It can be known only after the audit.

SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Audit has nothing to do with it. It will tell only whether the report is correct or not.

Construction of Border Roads

*636. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of border roads in the country is progressing according to the targets;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the roads proposed to be constructed during 1992–93?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the provisional works plan for the year 92–93 it is proposed to take up 715 Kms of formation cutting and 1113 Kms of surfacing works. Besides, permanent works costing Rs. 90.61 crores and Bridge construction works costing Rs. 21.00 crores are also proposed to be executed. The project-wise details are given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT

Provisional Works Plan 1992-93.

Sl. No.	*Project*	*Location*	*General Staff/ Agency Works*	*Formation (Kms)*	*Surfacing (Kms)*	*Permanent Works (Rs. Crores)*	*Major bridges (Rs. crores)*
1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*
1.	Himank	J & K (Ladakh)	GS Agency	24.00 3.82	95.00 14.00	3.38 0.92	0.25 0.00
2.	Beacon	Jammu and Kashmir	GS Agency	16.00 13.00	47.00 31.00	3.89 2.51	0.10 0.00
3.	Sampark	Jammu and Kashmir, H.P. & Punjab	GS Agency	48.00 0.00	68.00 11.00	3.30 0.95	2.40 0.00
4.	Deepak	Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, U.P.	GS Agency	32.60 10.00	40.73 67.27	5.09 2.90	1.96 0.00
5.	Chetak	Rajasthan Maharashtra Haryana	GS Agency	66.00 4.00	130.00 2.00	2.40 0.45	0.00 0.00
6.	Swastik	Sikkim West Bengal	GS Agency	22.00 3.00	35.00 5.00	5.40 0.50	1.55 0.00

Sl. No.	Project	Location	General Staff/ Agency Works	Formation (Kms)	Surfacing (Kms)	Permanent Works (Rs. Crores)	Major bridges (Rs. crores)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7.	Dantak	Bhutan	GS	13.00	15.00	2.60	0.97
		Meghalaya	Agency	43.00	93.00	13.00	0.25
8.	Vartak	Arunchal Pradesh, Assam	GS	55.00	58.00	5.00	1.30
9.	Sewak	Nagaland	GS	1.00	11.00	1.50	0.35
		Manipur, Assam	Agency	82.00	65.00	10.80	0.77
10.	Pushpak	Mizoram	GS	1.90	3.46	1.38	1.87
		Tripura	Agency	105.10	126.54	10.37	1.98
		Assam					
11.	Hirak	Bihar & UP	GS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			Agency	22.00	40.00	0.92	0.74
12.	Yatrik	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	GS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
			Agency	33.58	20.00	2.75	0.00

Sl. No.	Project	Location	General Staff/ Agency Works	Formation (Kms)	Surfacing (Kms)	Permanent Works (Rs. Crores)	Major bridges (Rs. crores)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13.	UDAYAK	Arunchal Pradesh, Nagaland	GS	25.50	36.81	4.60	1.30
			Agency	39.50	39.19	2.00	0.11
14.	Setuk	Guwahati	GS	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.45
			Agency	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.65
		Total:	GS	305.00	540.00	38.54	14.50
			Agency	410.00	573.00	52.07	6.50
		Grand Total	(GS+ Agency	715.00	1113.00	90.61	21.00

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to submit to the hon. Minister that the contribution of borders roads is very important from the view point of national security, infiltration and from the view point of checking smuggling. Sir, what is the total length of border roads in the country? How many roads are under – construction and how many roads are being proposed to be constructed?

Sir, besides this, the Border Roads Organisation has given information about construction of 700 kilometre long roads every year. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the decision taken by Border Roads Organisation for the construction of roads is being implemented?

[*English*]

SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR: The total number of roads under construction in the Border Roads Organisation is 382, of which 132 are for maintenance and 250 are for construction and improvement. Since its inception in 1960, the Border Roads Development Board has constructed or upgraded 23,000 kilometres or roads up to 31.3.1992. Out of these, 18,500 kilometres are surface roads and 15,800 are under maintenance by the BRO.

What was the second part? The translation is not coming in time. The hon. Member may please repeat the second part of the question.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Sir, in the second part of my question I have asked about the length of the roads under construction and by when they will be constructed.

[*English*]

SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR: Sir, at the moment we have an annual provision of Rs. 406 crores. Roughly two hundred and odd roads are in various stages. I have a list of the roads here. I cannot say when these will be completed because these are in various stages of completion. These roads are divided into about 15 projects covering the North Eastern and the Northern parts of the country.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the road from Pithoragarh to Chinese border in Uttar Pradesh has not been constructed even after independence. So far as my knowledge is concerned, the road was constructed by individual efforts of Maharaja of Mysore when he visited Mansarovar in 1932 but after that the Ministry of Defence did not give importance to that road from the security point of view. Sir, this road is important from the security point of view as well as for local people too. Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state why such important road has not been constructed yet?

Sir, through you I would like to have one more information. Some experts are of the opinion that such roads should not be constructed up to the border. If such roads are constructed up to the border, the enemy might attack us and reach our home. If it is seen from this point of view, the border roads have been constructed beyond Badri–Kedarnath. Besides, all the roads on border are constructed by the C.P.W.D. When wars broke out in 1962 and 1965, the construction of a bridge over Byasa was decided and that bridge was completed in 1972 but this bridge was found inadequate and unsafe when our tanks had to reach Byasa. Keeping it in view, our experts of defence forces will have to construct these roads and bridges in co-ordination with CPWD in future. The construction of these roads in remote areas is very important from the security point of view. Sir, why the important road from Pithoragarh to Chinese border is not being constructed and by when it will be a constructed?

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Only the last sentences are really the question.

SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR: If I may start from the reverse the Border Roads Organisation has its own implementation wing and it is totally an in-house operation. The border roads are not constructed by the CPWD. This is done as a departmental work under the Border Roads Organisation. So, it is not done by the CPWD.

As regards Mansarovar road, it is not with us. Only the road up to Bheeru Nullah Manu is with us. It is only a part of the road. I will not be able to give you the details because there are many.

As far as Uttar Pradesh is concerned, we are maintaining nine roads in Uttar Pradesh totalling about one thousand kilometres. During the year 1992–93, formation works are encouraged in 14 kms of G.S. roads; 14 kms of Agency road; 12 kms of G.S. roads; 60 kms of Agency road. I have the road-wise details of Uttar Pradesh with me. Twelve under General Staff work and three under Agency work.

As regards the latter part of the question, I have the material here of all the 320 roads. But if you ask for a specific road, I need time to locate it. I do not think that the Speaker will insist on it. I will give it to him in writing.

SHRI PETER G. MARBANIANG: Sir, I would like to inform the Minister that Dantak agency in Meghalaya has finished 93 kms of surfacing of the border roads right from Balat to Shellah to Dawki. However, five major bridges are still to be completed. And due to heavy rain the surface road is eroded and has become not motorable now. May I know from the Minister when will these major bridges be completed by the BRO, Dantak?

SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR: Sir, in general I would say that one of the main bottlenecks or difficulties faced by the Border Roads Organisation is the construction of major bridges. The minor bridges are done by the Organisation themselves. But as far as major bridges are concerned, they are entrusted to contractors, who have to work in difficult terrain under difficult conditions. There are a large number of slippages, disputes with the contractors, etc. I have with me a list of bridges which are under various stages of construction.

If you ask a specific bridge, then I will have to locate it. I will give the information to the hon. Member later.

Around 45 bridges are now under various stages of construction. And I have with me the stages of each as it stands at present.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to know from the hon. Minister that road from Forbesganj to Darbhanga is very important road from strategic point of view. Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi took this road under package programme. After that when the hon. Chief Minister participated in the meeting called by the Prime Minister, he discussed about this road. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he is considering the construction of the road from Forbesganj to Darbhanga, which is situated on Indo-Nepal border? If so, by when?

[*English*]

SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR: Sir, this does not come under the Border Roads Organisation. We deal with northern India and North Eastern States.(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Sir, that area lacks roads most.....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please, sit down. All the Members cannot possibly be accommondated in Question hour.

(*Interruptions*)

MR.SPEAKER: Please sit down. What is going on. Neither you understand rule nor any other thing.

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: Sir, we are in great difficulty. We don't get a chance even during Zero-hour.

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down. You want to do what you like. It is not good.

SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV: My question about the border roads is very important. My area lacks roads most. I have also the right to ask question.....(*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER: Surya Narayan Yadavji, this is very wrong. You are not following the rules. This is Parliament. You should remember it. Please sit down now. Not like this. This is very wrong on your part. You are not following the rules. You do not know how to behave in the Parliament. This is not correct. There are many others who want to ask the questions.

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR: Sir, if you allow me I can clarify.....

MR. SPEAKER: You can call him to the Office. If he wants to carry on like this, I do not appreciate it.

Encashment of Leave

*638. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether entitlement of leave encashment for Central Government employees was enhanced from 180 days to 240 days w.e.f. July 1, 1986;

(b) whether this enhancement has been made effective in the armed forces from the same date;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken to remove these disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) The ceiling for accumulation and enchashment of Earned Leave in respect of Central Govt. employees governed by Central Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 1972 was enhanced from 180 to 240 days w.e.f. 1.7.86 on the recommendations of the 4th Pay Commission.

(b) and (c). Armed Forces personnel are not governed by the aforesaid rules. The 4th Pay Commission did not make any such recommendation in respect of Armed Forces personnel. For them a new formula for accumulation and encashment of leave based on the proposal mooted by the Army Hqrs has been implemented w.e.f 30.12.91.

(d) In view of the reply to (b) & (c) above, the question does not arise.

[*Translation*]

SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the reply to my question clearly proves that there is a slight discrimination between our armed forces and other Central Government employees. Since I have been associated with armed forces, I use to meet them and due to this discrimination a sort of resentment is growing in their mind which may be a factor to demoralize them. We should not forget that risking their lives our armed forces fight on borders, while we including all Members and Minister stay comfortably in our houses. They protect our borders and our country. Therefore we should pay special attention to providing them facilities. If the employee of the Central Government get any facility, the armed forces should also be treated at par. As the Hon. Minister has stated in his reply that the Forth Pay Commission had not made any such recommendation.